



## *News from the Ohio Turnpike*

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For Immediate Release:

### **Ohio Turnpike donates “Jaws of Life” to Monclova Twp. Fire Department**

**BEREA** (Nov. 24, 2014) – November is the month in which we give thanks. In that spirit, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission is donating Jaws of Life to the Monclova Township Fire/Rescue Department in Monclova, Ohio.

Officially known as a Hurst Extrication Unit, the donation was made possible as a result of the Ohio Turnpike’s decision to reduce equipment inventory on its Maintenance Incident Response Vehicles. The donation also put the unit directly in the hands of first responders, who are trained in the proper use of lifesaving equipment.



**Monclova Township Fire Chief Kevin Bernhard (left) accepts the Jaws of Life from Tom Harvey, Foreman, Ohio Turnpike Elmore Maintenance Facility, Elmore, Ohio.**

“The timing was perfect,” said Monclova Township Fire Chief Kevin Bernhard. “The power unit broke last month and due to its age, parts were not available. We were faced with not having reliable extrication equipment and relying on neighboring communities for this capability, moving up the purchase of a complete set (over \$20,000) or spending more than \$8,000 to replace just the power unit to get us by.”

All told, the Ohio Turnpike is donating three sets of Jaws of Life equipment and two other donations will soon be made to other fire departments adjacent to the toll road.

“These equipment donations will save our neighboring Townships and Fire Departments money in equipment expense and we’re glad to know that these units will go to good use getting injured motorists out of harm’s way quickly and ultimately helping save lives,” said Ohio Turnpike Safety Services Manager Ed Miller.

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